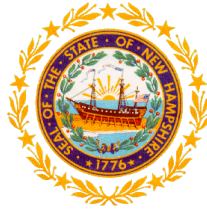


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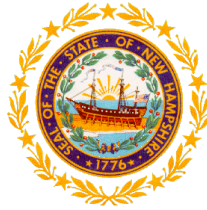
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- Cheshire County Conservation District, *Falls Brook Restoration*, \$16,340.
Project Category: Restore, enhance or conserve wildlife habitat.
Improve aquatic organism passage and replace a priority culvert in the Ashuelot River Watershed on Falls Brook in Swanzey, opening up 10-miles of upstream cold-water fish habitat.
- Connecticut River Watershed Council, *Oliverian Brook North Branch Stream Crossing Improvement Project, Haverhill*, \$15,000.
Project Category: Preserve, protect and conserve water quality and water quantity.
Enhance wild brook trout habitat in the Oliverian Brook watershed, restore self-sustaining, natural riverine function of the brook through culvert replacement.
- Town of Derry. *Ballard Property to Brandy Rock Hill Conservation Initiative*, \$15,000.
Project Category: Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee purchase.
Permanent conservation of 140 acres of farmland, forest, and wetlands stretching from the shoreline of Ballard Pond to the summit of Brandy Rock Hill in Derry.
- Town of Durham *Thompson Forest on the Lamprey River*, \$15,000.
Project Category: Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee purchase.
Permanent conservation of 43 acres of forest land with over 3,500 feet of frontage on the Federally designated Wild and Scenic Lamprey River that includes the location of the Durham-UNH drinking water supply intake helping to protect this important water supply.
- Town of Exeter. *Great Dam Removal and Exeter River Restoration*, \$15,000.
Project Category: Restore, enhance or conserve wildlife habitat.
Restoration of approximately 14-miles of the Exeter River and its tributaries to a free-flowing condition, eliminating a barrier to migrating anadromous fish, improving water quality and reducing the risk of flooding.
- Hillsborough County Conservation District. *Souhegan River Streambank Stabilization*, \$9,000.
Project Category: Restore, enhance or conserve wildlife habitat.
Complete a fluvial geomorphology assessment to determine the severity of the erosion along the Souhegan River and identify the necessary remedial actions to stabilize the river bank.



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- Merrimack County Conservation District. *Innovative Heavy Use Area for Bison using Wood Chip Pads*, \$18,000.
Project Category: Planning, implementing and using Best Management Practices for agriculture, forestry or storm water management.
Alleviate on-site nutrient management and erosion conditions, and demonstrate an innovative method for agricultural producers to handle nutrient management issues using wood chip pads.
- Monadnock Conservancy. *Conserving Prime Farmland along the Cold River*, \$10,000.
Project Category: Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee purchase.
Permanent conservation of eight acres of scenic and productive prime farmland in Walpole along the Cold River, an important cold-water fisheries, and the state-designated Connecticut River Scenic Byway.
- Town of Nottingham. *Saving Sweetzer Farm*, \$10,000.
Project Category: Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee purchase.
Permanent conservation of 200 acres of scenic and productive farmland, unique forests and important wetlands, and linking over 1,000 acres of conserved lands creating wildlife and recreation corridor along the Pawtuckaway River.
- Rockingham County Conservation District. *Odiorne Soil Acidification and Restoration Plan*, \$7,315.
Project Category: Restore, enhance or conserve wildlife habitat.
Evaluate the use of an agricultural soil amendment as an Integrated Pest Management tool to facilitate restoration of native vegetation by acidifying the soil to an assumed previous condition, implement a native planting program and provide educational outreach.
- Southeast Land Trust of NH. *Growing the Pawtuckaway to Great Bay Greenway, Phase II*. \$20,000
Project Category: Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee purchase.
Permanent conservation of 262 acres of farmland, forests and wetlands, linking over 1,000 acres of existing conservation land and making significant progress in creating a wildlife and recreation corridor between Pawtuckaway State Park and Great Bay.
- Strafford County Conservation District. *New England Cottontail Habitat Restoration at Strafford County Farm*, \$10,000.
Project Category: Restore, enhance or conserve wildlife habitat.
Convert 15 acres of existing wooded land to early successional habitat for the New England Cottontail and other wildlife including shrubland birds.
- The Nature Conservancy, NH Chapter. *Achieving Milestone for Great Bay Estuary Oyster Restoration*, \$10,000.
Project Category: Restore, enhance or conserve wildlife habitat.
Restore 2.5 acres of live oyster reef in western Great Bay Estuary for oyster spawner sanctuary creation, achieving the region's 20-acre milestone goal.



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- Trust for Public Land. *Robie Farm Conservation Easement*, \$20,000.
Project Category: Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee purchase.
Permanent conservation of the 150 acre Robie Farm in Peirmont, which includes frontage on the Connecticut River and the Route 10 Connecticut River Scenic Byway.
- Upper Saco Valley Land Trust. *Hocking Family Project*, \$20,000.
Project Category: Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee purchase.
Permanent conservation of 889 acres of land, one of the largest un-fragmented forest blocks in the Madison including exemplary wildlife habitat, wetlands and water resources.
- Upper Valley Land Trust. *Mason Pond Conservation*, \$20,000.
Project Category: Permanent land protection through conservation easement or fee purchase.
Permanent conservation of 142 acres of land on Mason Pond in Orford, to be managed for natural resource and wildlife habitat enhancement purposes.